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Election 2026

Board of Elections Updates Council on Past City Election

by Matthew Arbach

The city Board of Elections (BOE) provided the Greenbelt City Council with a summation of the events and the workings of the past city election at a worksession on June 3. Representing the board were Chair Steve Gilbert along with members Nicole Shyong, Edith Beauchamp and Beth Terry.

The 2025 election saw 3,255 votes out of the city's 15,979 registered voters; a number up 21 percent from 2023 when there were 2,685 votes.

Of note, there were 2,151 votes in favor of the ranked choice voting referendum question — a majority of the total votes, though only 13 percent of the registered voters.

The BOE noted some complaints from residents about candidates accessing homes of residents, when signs were posted for no solicitation. The board decided to refrain from any formal action with the candidates as it violated BOE's official purview. However, in regard to multifamily buildings in future elections, BOE upheld the rules in locations that have a strict policy on access only by residents.

One candidate was allowed to use his nickname on the ballot, as he pointed out that few residents would recognize his actual name.

Training Sessions

There was a discussion on training for poll judges and poll workers. There was a general consensus that judges should receive the most training, perhaps separate from workers, as more is required of them should problems arise.

Poll workers typically are trained the night before. Suggestions were presented that training could be spread out over a couple of sessions to achieve better understanding, yet Terry stressed misgivings over burdening workers with a larger time commitment.

Should ranked choice voting be adopted, all workers at the polls will need to be prepared to

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Greenbelt Museum Long-awaited Expansion Project Moves Forward

by Cam Crossett

The Greenbelt Museum is continuing efforts to expand and renovate its facilities through the redevelopment of the neighboring property at 10-A Crescent Road, a project museum leaders say will significantly improve visitor access, educational programming and community engagement.

According to Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) board member Mary Sies, fundraising for the project began before the start of the Covid-19 pandemic after Museum leaders recognized the opportunity to transform 10-A into a larger, more functional visitor and education center. Although the project has faced delays caused by the pandemic, rising construction costs and lengthy planning efforts, Museum officials say important milestones have already been achieved.

The Museum currently operates out of historic 10-B Crescent Road, an original 1937 Greenbelt residence restored to reflect daily life between 1937 and 1952.

IMAGE BY OLD LINE ARCHITECTS

Architect's rendering of the Education and Visitor Center seen from Westway. Toward the right and behind the building is the playground and the underpass and path to the library.

While the Museum has been an important cultural and educational resource, the 836-square-foot house limits the Museum's ability to host visitors, exhibits and interactive programming.

Museum Director Megan Searing Young described the historic house itself as the Museum's most important teaching tool, but one that is difficult to fully interpret without additional visitor space. Currently, Museum operations are split between the historic house and offices at the Community Center, which can create confusion for visitors. The existing house also presents challenges, including the lack of an accessible restroom on the first floor.

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Murray Negotiated Employment Contract with Longtime Friend

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

In November 2025, the Prince George's County Council voted to appoint David Murray as their Council Administrator. The council then voted "to authorize the Chair to negotiate the terms of employment, including compensation, benefits, and duties of the Council Administrator position with David Murray" (meeting minutes from November 10, 2025). Murray's longtime friend Edward Burroughs III was chair at the time. Following that negotiation, Murray received an offer of an annual salary of $240,000 for a position beginning January 5, 2026. A table of compensation and fringe benefit payments obtained by the News Review show a vehicle allowance of $599 every two weeks and pension and supplemental retirement payments that total $1,683.69 every two weeks, among other benefits.

The Appointment

As we reported in the January 15, 2026 issue, Councilmembers Burroughs, Krystal Oriadha, Tom Dernoga, Wanika Fisher, Ingrid Watson, Shayla Adams-Stafford, Wala Blegay, Jolene Ivey and Calvin Hawkins all voted in favor of Murray's appointment. Councilmember Eric Olson was the lone vote against the appointment, while Councilmember Sydney Harrison abstained. A motion was then made by Burroughs, to authorize the chair (himself) to

VIDEO SCREENSHOT BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

David Murray gives a special tribute at the swearing-in ceremony for County Councilmember Shayla Adams-Stafford on June 17, 2025.

negotiate the contract and Burroughs, Dernoga, Fisher, Watson, Adams-Stafford, Blegay, Ivey and Hawkins then voted in favor. Olson, Oriadha and Harrison abstained. None of the abstainees responded to the News Review's requests to share their rationale.

Some of those conducting the vote on Murray's appointment are longtime allies of Murray.

Connections to Adams-Stafford

Councilmember Adams-Stafford served with Murray on the Board of Education. She was a member of the board that, as a whole, was accused by the

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Reparations Commission to Hold Town Hall for Public Discussion

by Gail Crichlow and Lois Rosado

In the November 2021 municipal elections, the voters of Greenbelt passed a referendum to create a 21-member reparations commission to review, discuss and recommend reparations for African American and Native American residents of Greenbelt. The Greenbelt Reparations Commission (GRC) has met continually since February 2023.

The public is invited to the Greenbelt Reparations Commission Town Hall on Saturday, June 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library Auditorium. Learn what the Commission has learned, discuss draft recommendations and provide feedback on the Commission's next steps. This Town Hall will primarily focus on African American reparations. A separate Town Hall will follow to address reparations for Native Americans.

Since its first meeting in 2023, the Commission has accomplished the following:

1. Created a website, greenbeltreparations.info, to share information with the community about events, reports, videos, updates, meeting minutes and other pertinent information. GRC also created a commonly asked questions document with answers to questions received from the public (greenbeltreparations.info/about).

2. Distilled a historical timeline using resources from the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt News Review archives, National Archives and Records, Maryland State Archives, the Tugwell Room at the Greenbelt Library and hundreds of articles in scholarly journals and other sources. An abbreviated timeline with key Maryland historical highlights

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Don't Forget to Vote!

The Primary Election is on Tuesday, June 23. See election information on page 12.

What Goes On

Monday, June 22
7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Wednesday, June 24
7 p.m., Council Meet and Greet, Schrom Hills Park

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

PHOTO BY NICK HALL NH

Mayor Emmett Jordan (center) holds a certificate of recognition of Pride Celebration Month at the flag raising on June 5. Shaymar Higgs (left), executive director of The Space looks forward to a summer-long celebration. See story on page 12.

The News Review Needs You

As a mostly volunteer paper, we need people. Our most pressing current need is for people willing to tackle stories. Not just on the things that interest them personally, but on the list of must-haves like council meetings, shenanigans at NASA and BARC and the other concerns that pop up. If you're not confident of your ability to write for a newspaper, though you may have written in other contexts, we'll soon be offering a writing class for new volunteers (and anybody else who is interested in journalism). Let us know you're interested by emailing meditor@greenbeltnewsreview.com or filling in the volunteer form on the website at greenbeltnewsreview.com/volunteer-to-help.

School Was Not Out for Summer But Camps Began This Week

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Monday, June 15, summer camps kicked off in Greenbelt, though with fewer school-aged attendees than usual. This year the summer camps begin a week before schools end.

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) calendar was extended to June 18 following seven snow day closures in a row as the county attempted to deal with the "snowcrete" aftermath of a storm at the end of January and into February.

Chris Cherry, performing arts coordinator for the city, told the News Review that the city had to go ahead with their summer camp schedule — people have made vacation plans, staff have been hired and not everyone attends public schools, he said. For the first couple of days camp attendance was a little over half, Cherry said.

Kinder Camp, which serves 3.5- to 5-year-olds, was not as impacted as others because many of its campers are not yet in school.

The city is offering credits for the unused week of camp to families whose children don't attend at all this week while school is still in session. The budgetary impact for the city is not yet known.

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

Officer Alvarez and Police Dog Ollie visited Kinder Camp on Monday, June 15. Campers met Ollie and learned about his role. "From wagging tails to lots of smiles, it was a great day of learning, fun and building positive connections between our youngest residents and the Greenbelt Police Department," said the police department.

On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

Disclosure Day

If you found out we weren't alone, if someone showed you, proved it to you, would that frighten you? This summer, the truth belongs to seven billion people. We are coming close to ... Disclosure Day. This sci-fi/mystery film from Stephen Spielberg stars Emily Blunt, Josh O'Connor, Colin Firth and Colman Domingo.

The Death of Robin Hood

Grappling with his past after a life of crime and murder, Robin Hood finds himself gravely injured after a battle he thought would be his last. In the hands of a mysterious woman, he is offered a chance at salvation. The film stars Hugh Jackman, Jodie Comer and Bill Skarsgård.

KPop Demon Hunters

When they aren't selling out stadiums, K-Pop superstars Rumi, Mira and Zoey use their secret identities as badass demon hunters to protect their fans from an ever-present supernatural threat. Together, they must face their biggest enemy yet — an irresistible rival boy band of demons in disguise.

The Muppets Take Manhattan

When Kermit the Frog and friends start a stage act, they decide to take the show from their college town to Broadway. However, once the Muppets wind up in New York City, they have difficulty finding financial support for the production, instead running into cheats like Murray Plotsky. Unable to stage the show, the group splits up, and they all take different jobs around the country. Just as Kermit thinks he has finally found a backer, an accident gives him amnesia.

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DVS = Descriptive Video Service

SHOWTIMES:
JUNE 19th - 25th

Disclosure Day (PG-13)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (145 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM
Sun. 11:50 AM (OC)
Tues. 7:00 PM
Wed. 7:00 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Sat. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM
Sun. 3:15 PM
Mon. 12:45 PM, 4:15 PM
Thurs. 7:00 PM

The Death of Robin Hood (R)
(CC) (DVS) (2026) (123 mins)
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Sat. 5:15 PM, 8:30 PM
Sun. 3:00 PM
Mon. 1:00 PM (OC), 4:00 PM
Wed. 4:00 PM
Thurs. 7:15 PM
Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 5:20 PM, 8:30 PM
Sun. 12:15 PM
Tues. 7:15 PM

KPop Demon Hunters
(PG) (2025) (96 mins)
School's Out! - FREE
Sponsored by
McCarl Dental Group
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 1:00 PM

The Muppets Take Manhattan
(G) (1984) (94 mins)
School's Out! - FREE
Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Thurs. 1:00 PM

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Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

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Community Events

At the Library

Greenbelt Library's regular hours are Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Storytimes

Monday, June 22, 4:15 p.m. ages newborn to 2. Bring baby in their best dinosaur outfit/onesie for a special dinosaur-themed storytime filled with stories, songs and fingerplays. It's a fun and engaging experience that sparks early literacy while nurturing those precious bonding moments. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16305535.

Wednesday, June 24, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16335169.

Thursday, June 25, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/16335271.

Come join in for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. This engaging activity nurtures early literacy and sparks creativity, making it an unforgettable experience for little ones.

Library Kickoff Week Unearth a Story

Summer Prince George's 2026, the annual library challenge hosted by the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), will have its big Kickoff Week at the end of June. Following this year's Unearth a Story theme, all 19 PGCMLS branches will host exciting dinosaur- and archaeology-oriented kick-off events for community members of all ages starting on Monday, June 22.

More than a traditional summer reading program, Summer Prince George's (SPG) encourages children, teens and adults to read 30 minutes each day, attend PGCMLS programs and get acquainted with the library's borrowing collection and other resources, both physical and online. Community members are also invited to explore PGCMLS' unique in-library offerings — such as the DREAM Lab at the Fairmount Heights Library, the in-floor dinosaur in the children's area of the Laurel Library and the special collections at the Greenbelt, Hyattsville and Oxon Hill libraries. Monday's event at the Greenbelt Library will feature Nintendo Switch games, a dino-themed ring toss and a variety of coloring activities. It will also, of course, feature all the SPG registration activities and excitement that each of PGCMLS' 19 kick-off events are designed around, including registering library users of all ages for the summer game and distributing registration prizes (dino-themed fidget toys).

Registration Open For Recreation Classes

Registration is open for Greenbelt residents as well as non-residents for Greenbelt Recreation classes and activities. Classes begin during or after the week of June 15. Visit greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide to see the Greenbelt Recreation Summer Activity Guide. Class registration remains open until the week before the scheduled start date, but many fill quickly, so sign up quickly to reserve a seat.

Time to Renew MaxTrash Option

Participants in Greenbelt's Save As You Throw program are reminded that a MaxTrash sticker must be renewed before June 30. The new sticker will be in effect beginning July 1. WasteZero has placed RFID tags on existing MaxTrash sticker cans. Record the number on the tag and use it to pay for the next six-month period (July 1 to December 31) or bring the number with you when renewing your sticker at the city Finance Department in the Municipal Building. The link to the MaxTrash option renewal page is myflexusa.com/MaxTrash. Should one want to stop using the MaxTrash option, one must purchase the approved trash bags.

Huge Rummage Sale at St. Hugh's

St. Hugh's annual huge rummage sale will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great buys on clothes, household items, jewelry, seasonal items, linens, toys, books and more. There will also be a lunch menu and bake sale. Admission is free.

Astronomical Society To Meet Thursday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will meet Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. In celebration of the United Nations recognized Asteroid Day, there will be a film on asteroid impacts, a poster session, a slide show and general discussion of asteroids. The meeting is free and open to the public. All are welcome. Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Chess Club Meets Tuesday, June 23

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesday, June 23 at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:50 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to their mailing list, go to https://tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m and complete the brief form. Direct questions to greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com.

Spellman Overpass Resistance Fridays

Join the weekly protest on Spellman Overpass, Fridays (except in rain, wind or snow) from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30-ish. Flags and big-letter messages are provided to cheerfully encourage Parkway motorists' awareness. To minimize driver distraction, extra signage is discouraged.

Access from Gardenway or from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School crosswalk. Questions? Email kashla@pm.me.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

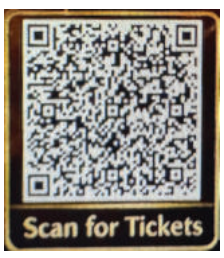
Cheri Glover's Art, Plus Art Share Friday Evening

Visit the current exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery, where Cheri Glover's vivid and joyful artwork is inspired by "nature, dreams and the beauty of being human." The Gallery is open daily Monday through Friday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The show is on view through August 9. RSVP for a free artist talk with Glover on Friday, July 17 at 6 p.m. at sugeni.us/eEyT. Directly following the talk, community artists can gather for an Art Share, part of a series of monthly meet-ups.

Sign up for the Art Share at sugeni.us/eE4I. For more information about Greenbelt arts programs, visit greenbelt.gov/arts. Programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Forever Free Movie Sunday June 21

The film premiere of Forever Free and The Illiteracy Playbook will be shown on Sunday, June 21 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Cinema. This is a documentary about the importance of literacy and how, when suppressed, it can prevent democratic participation and lead to generational economic challenges. It also shares stories of resiliency and growth. Join for a post-film discussion with filmmakers Cortland Jones, Shauna King and Dion Johnson. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets. This premiere is being hosted by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee and RUAK. For more information, email blackhistoryandculturegb@gmail.com.



Hunger Relief: PORCH

Greenbelt PORCH continues to support the Greenbelt Interfaith Food Pantry with nonperishable food items. Neighbors will collect food in June as scheduled below. Put out food by the times listed below; it will be collected after that.

Saturday, June 20 — by 9 a.m. at 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill.

Sunday, June 21 — by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village and 33 Court Ridge Road.

Saturday, June 27 — by 10 a.m. for Mathew Street to Megan Lane including Brett Place.

Sunday, June 28 — by 4 p.m. for Eastway and for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (including former Woodland Hill donors). Email Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on June 28 at spreadruak@gmail.com and he will come to your porch.

Sunday, June 28 — by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive.

Sunday, June 28 — by 6 p.m. at 11-S Ridge, 14 and 16 Courts Ridge and 8 and 10 Courts Southway.

Find More Peace Through Meditation

Ever wonder what it would be like to be encouraged to relax and slow down? Ever ponder how meditation might contribute to health and well-being?

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the SAGE program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes for the past 11 years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation will again be offered via Zoom so people can attend from the comfort of their own home.

Classes via Zoom began Monday, June 1 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., for seven sessions, held every other Monday through August 24. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email or call Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or 301-641-1035.

American Legion Hosts Blood Drive July 6

With the approach of summer, the Red Cross is bracing for an annual seasonal shortage of blood, as regular donors go on vacation and miss blood drives. This shortage can affect lifesaving treatment at area hospitals. The American Legion is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, July 6. Appointments for donations of whole blood are available from 2:15 to 5:45 p.m. There are multiple appointments available for Power Red donations; height and weight restrictions apply.

There is currently a critical need for platelets, which can be donated at the Lanham Blood Donation Center, only three miles from Greenbelt on Annapolis Road. The center is open Sundays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Donating platelets takes about two hours.

Donors of all blood types — especially type O — are urged to make an appointment to help meet the needs of patients. Visit redcross.org to make an appointment.

Campfires, Hikes At Greenbelt Park

The National Park Service is offering weekly campfire programs at the Loop B Campfire Circle.

On Fridays at 7:30 p.m., the program is Welcome to Washington.

On Saturdays at 8 p.m., there is programming alternating between nature and history topics to coincide with the nation's 250th anniversary. The June 20 program is The World of Reptiles.

Also, on Sundays at 1 p.m., Hike with a Ranger meets at the Dogwood Trail parking lot. The ranger leads a nature hike focused on the flora and fauna of Greenbelt Park in a beautiful and picturesque setting.

Visit nps.gov/gree/planyourvisit/calendar.htm for more information.

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TH 6/18	FRI 6/19	SAT 6/20	SUN 6/21
The Classic Jam w/ The Low Rent Quartet 6:30 - 9:30pm All skill levels welcome for this jam	The Grooveadelics 8 - 11pm What you get when you combine a funky drummer and bassist with reggae blues	POETRY OPEN MIC, 11a-1p Built 4 Comfort 8 - 11pm This fun group plays a variety of soulful, bluesy, and pop/rock covers you can groove to.	FATHER'S DAY Katy and The Gongs 6 - 8pm Plays music that makes you feel good! Classic rock songs you know and love!

MON 6/22	TUES 6/23	WED 6/24	TH 6/25	New Deal Cafe
LIVE BAND KARAOKE WITH MIKE SCOTT & FRIENDS 7 - 9:30pm	NDC Open Mic w/ Carla Monardes 6 - 9:30pm Sign ups begin at 6pm; Open Mic starts at 6:30p	Kim's Grands Rounds: A Songwriter's Circle 7 - 9pm Performers and their songs	The UpBeets 7 - 9pm A creative and high-energy modern jazz quintet	RENEW OR BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NDC! See link below*

******Join NDC!* **Go to NewDeal Cafe(dot) com, click on "ABOUT", then "BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW."**

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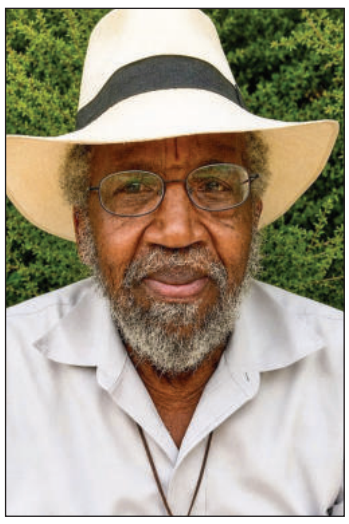

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John Henry Jones

The family shared the sad news that our friend and neighbor, and the city's "Ambassador," John Henry Jones, died peacefully on June 11, 2026, at the age of 98, surrounded by his loving family, friends and caregivers in his home on Ridge Road – exactly as he wished. Countless articles and pictures in the Greenbelt News Review over the decades have documented the impact that John Henry had upon this community; he epitomized the spirit of "Greenbelt is Great!"

The Jones family has planned a public viewing Friday, June 19 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville and a memorial service and celebration of John Henry's life and legacy at Hope Lutheran Church, 4201 Guilford Drive in College Park on Saturday, June 20 at 2 p.m. The service will be live-streamed; RSVP to help the family with planning: bit.ly/JohnHenryGreenbelt.

The family asks friends to bring or send an indoor plant, outdoor plant, potted flower, herbs or seed packet to share for Saturday's memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations for a bench at Henry's Hollow, the Greenbelt garden field that he held so dear, and to establish a Greenbelt community memorial fund in his honor at gofundme.com/JohnHenryGreenbelt.

More will be shared in the coming weeks to reflect on John Henry's life and legacy in the City of Greenbelt.

In Memoriam

GAC Remembers Joan Jacobs

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) extends its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Joan Jacobs, who died recently, for her extraordinary generosity and dedication to GAC over many years. Joan, a Bethesda resident, was an enthusiastic and tireless supporter of the Arts Center. Her commitment began in 2005 when she established a fund to upgrade GAC's stage lighting system. From there, she continued to champion improvements that helped strengthen and sustain the theater, often matching community donations with her own contributions. Joan's support helped make numerous projects possible, including additional stage lighting updates, an air-conditioning system, a paint room sink and her greatest challenge – the renovation of the theater's bathrooms. For that project, Joan raised more than $55,000 and personally oversaw the work from beginning to end, ensuring that every detail was completed. In total, Joan raised and contributed more than $100,000 to support the Greenbelt Arts Center. Her generosity, determination and belief in the importance of the arts have left a lasting impact on the organization and the countless artists, volunteers and audiences who have benefited from her efforts.

The Greenbelt Arts Center is deeply grateful for Joan's years of support and for the legacy she leaves behind.

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

Joan Jacobs

Carol Shaw, president,
Greenbelt Arts Center
Board of Directors

Our Neighbors

Our condolences to the family, fellow gardeners and many friends of John Henry Jones, who died on June 11 at the age of 98. A longtime carrier for the News Review, we often cited him as outside the mold of our typical carriers, delivering papers for us well into his 80s. His impact on life in Greenbelt will be missed for a very long time, as was recognized when he was named Outstanding Citizen in 2012.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

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Renovation Plans

The renovation project would transform 10-A Crescent Road into a new Education and Visitor Center while preserving the historic character of the Museum. Plans for the building include an accessible first-floor entrance, orientation and exhibition space, a hands-on learning lab, an accessible restroom, expanded gift shop space, archives and storage, Museum offices and a 24-hour information kiosk featuring Greenbelt history and local attractions.

FOGM President Justin Donaldson said the redesign will allow the historic house at 10-B to remain largely untouched. "It's important to keep those things in the Visitor Center, so the Museum house itself can be preserved in its original appearance and give visitors the most immersive experience as they tour the home," Donaldson said.

The historic house will receive only limited upgrades, including the installation of a new HVAC system. Once completed, the expansion is expected to allow the Museum to increase its operating hours and offer programming several additional days each week.

Hands-on Experiences

Museum leaders say the new space will create opportunities for more hands-on educational experiences that help visitors understand daily life in early Greenbelt. Potential programs could include demonstrations of hand-washing laundry, mending and darning clothing, cooking with World War II rationing guidelines and allowing visitors to wear period clothing.

Museum staff believe these experiences help connect modern audiences to larger themes such as affordable housing, community planning, the Great Depression, World War II and suburban development.

Donaldson noted that the Museum also serves as an important ambassador for the city itself.

"Many of the visitors I encountered were interested in living in GHI and visited the Museum first to learn about the town," Donaldson said. "In that way, the Museum staff and volunteers are ambassadors for modern-day Greenbelt, as much as the town's past."

Funding

Funding for the project has steadily progressed despite rising costs. The project's original pre-pandemic estimate was approximately $575,000, but inflation and increased construction costs have pushed projections closer to $675,000. "Since the original estimate, the cost of materials has risen along with gas and inflation," Donaldson said.

According to Donaldson, FOGM and the Museum itself have raised approximately $330,000, while the City of Greenbelt has committed an additional $300,000 toward the project. State funding has also played a critical role. The project has received two grants from the Maryland Historical Trust totaling $150,000, in addition to a state municipal bond and state appropriation.

"State grants are essential for the 10-A project," said Donaldson.

While funding for the building itself is nearing completion, Museum leaders say additional fundraising will still be needed to support exhibits, programming and staffing for the expanded facility. "It doesn't do you any good unless you do something with it," FOGM board member David Aylward said, referring to the new Visitor Center. "The thinking is to take it to [the community] as well."

Next Steps

The Museum and the city are currently exploring hiring a project manager to oversee the next phase of the project. Several major steps remain before construction can begin, including final fundraising efforts, hiring contractors, obtaining permits and removing the existing addition at 10-A Crescent Road.

Museum officials acknowledge the project could require temporary closures during portions of construction, but leaders remain optimistic about completing the Visitor Center in time for Greenbelt's 90th anniversary celebration in 2027.

Community Outreach

Community outreach will continue throughout the process. Museum representatives plan to share updates through Greenbelt News Review articles and information tables at the Greenbelt Farmers Market this summer and will organize open houses and community events. Residents are also encouraged to visit the Museum, volunteer and support future fundraising campaigns.

"If folks in the community want to support the project," said Donaldson, "we encourage everyone to visit the Museum and watch for future events and donation opportunities."

Cam Crossett is a University of Maryland graduate student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

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Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

There is one more meeting this month – June 24, Bingo.

Français, s'il Vous Plaît New Summer Location

All ages and levels of French are welcome for conversation every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m in Room 109 (Senior Activity Room) at the Community Center.

Play Mahjongg Sat. Afternoons

Play American mahjongg on Saturday afternoons from 2:15 p.m. in Room 109 of the Community Center. Register in the Recreation Department office.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Registration Open For Peace Camp

Information on registration, as well as applications for Peace Camp counselor and junior counselor positions (ages 15+), can be found at LFFP.org/peacecamp.

City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 22 - 26

Tuesday, June 23 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION - *Virtual,*** *On the Agenda: Finalize Calendar and Activities for 2023-2024 School Year, Scholarship Account - Review Write up, Grants Discussion, Promotion of ACE Activities and Scholarship, Labor Day Parade*

Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GREEN ACES) - *Virtual,*** *On the Agenda: Sustainable Maryland Recertification, SAYT Door Hanger Distribution Within GHI*

Wednesday, June 24, at 7 pm, **COUNCIL MEET AND GREET - SNOW CONE SOCIAL - *Schrom Hills Park***

Thursday, June 25 at 6 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS - *Virtual,*** *On the Agenda: TBD*

Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD - *Public Works Facility,*** *On the Agenda: TBD*

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 22 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge
- Petitions and Requests
- Consent Agenda
  * Council Meeting Minutes
  * Meetings
  * Committee Reports
- Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
- Presentations
  * Small Cities Month Proclamation
  * Pollinator Week Proclamation
- Administrative Reports

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance of the City of Greenbelt, Amending the City Labor Code Regarding Article VIII

OTHER BUSINESS
- Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract with VMP
- Authorization for City Manager to Approve Contract with Tri Star Contracting, Inc.
- Discussion: Planning for Greenbelt's 90th Anniversary in 2027
- Council Reports
- Council Activities

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Friday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.
THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

REFUSE / RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of June 15
Monday Route - No Change
Tuesday Route - No Change
Wednesday Route - No Change
Thursday Route - No Change

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, June 19

The city will holding an **Electronics, Styrofoam, and Paint Recycling** event on Saturday, July 25 from 9 am - 12 pm in the Public Works Yard.

GREENBELT AQUATIC FITNESS CENTER HOURS
INDOOR POOL: 8 am - 8 pm
OUTDOOR POOL 10 am - 8 pm

On weekends and holidays, admission to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center is restricted to Greenbelt Residents, Passholders, and their guests.

A majority (or quorum) of Greenbelt City Council members may attend community organization meetings, but no official Council action will be taken at these meetings. Please note that meeting locations may change after being published. For information on how to join these meetings, contact the respective organization directly.

FOREVER FREE AND THE ILLITERACY PLAYBOOK

Sunday, June 21 from 6 - 8:30 pm
Greenbelt Cinema, 129 Centerway

Join us for a powerful film, live discussion, and celebration of impact. Proceeds support literacy initiatives by The Better Place, Inc.

In partnership with the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee.

For more information and for tickets, visit the EventBrite page.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." — Frederick Douglass

TOWN HALL MEETING ON REPARATIONS

Saturday, June 27, 12:30 - 4 pm
Greenbelt Library Auditorium, 11 Crescent Rd

The Greenbelt Reparations Commission is inviting residents to learn about the history of Greenbelt and the research that the Commission has completed. There will be time for feedback and lunch will be provided.

For more information, visit www.greenbeltreparations.info

SNOW CONE SOCIAL WITH CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 24 at 7 pm
Schrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway

Come out to connect with your City Council in a relaxed, friendly setting. Share your ideas, ask questions, and enjoy great conversation.

What to Expect:

- Snow cones for all!
- Casual meet-and-greet with council
- Family-friendly outdoor fun

UPCOMING NATURE EVENTS

Kayaking at Buddy Attick Park
Saturday, June 27 from 8 - 11:30 am
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Rd

Join Greenbelt Park Rangers and explore Greenbelt Lake by Kayak. Kayaks, vests, and paddles are provided at no cost, but supplies are limited. Participants are welcome to bring their own watercraft, vests, and paddles.

GREENBELT CARES PROGRAMS

MEMORY CAFÉ: FIND YOUR RHYTHM
Wednesday, July 1, at 1:30 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East

This is designed for aging adults and individuals experiences changes in cognition. To register, contact Natalie Garcia at ngarcia@greenbeltmd.gov or (240) 244-6010.

STRONGER MEMORY CLASSES
Tuesdays, July 7 through August 11, 1 - 2:30 pm
Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East

Participants will learn practical strategies to strengthen memory, stay mentally active, and connect with others in the community.

FREE - Registration is required. Final call for registration is June 15. To register, contact Cesar Herrera at 202-891-8071.

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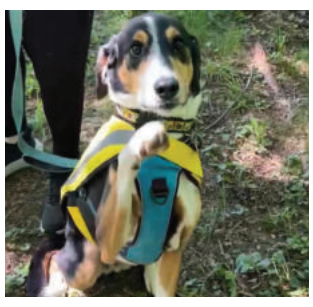

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If you're interested in adopting spectacular Sophie, please reach out to us at animalservices@greenbeltmd.gov or call us at (301) 474-6124 for more information.

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Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee and make a difference in Greenbelt!

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ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts for more information and many other opportunities!

Sign up for ARTFANS, a weekly e-newsletter, at www.greenbeltmd.gov/list.aspx

Watercolor for Beginners & Intermediates Thursdays, 6/25-8/6; 6-8pm. (Greenbelt Community Center) Learn the basics of this fascinating medium exploring a variety of subjects in a supportive environment. We will work with still life and nature, as well as photos. Artists at all levels are welcome. Registration required - see page 21 of the Summer Activity Guide.

Summer Sewing Lab Sundays, 4-6pm on 6/28, 7/12, 7/26 and 8/9 (Greenbelt Community Center) Students with some sewing experience, or who have taken Beginning Sewing, will choose their own projects and are invited to bring in clothing that needs mending, altering or upcycling as well as new project ideas. Hand and machine sewing are welcome. Registration required - see page 21 of the Summer Activity Guide.

MORE ARTS HAPPENING SOON

- **Free Artist Talk with Cheri Glover** 7/17; 6-7pm Greenbelt Community Center RSVP at sugeni.us/eEyT.

Registration required for the following activities, see www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide for details

- **Youth Pottery on the Wheel** M-F, 3:45-5:45pm. 6/29-7/10. Greenbelt Community Center (page 17) Additional dates available.
- **Intro to Painting on Canvas** M, 6-8pm. 6/29-8/10. Greenbelt Community Center (page 22)

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Office of Integrity and Compliance (OIC) investigation of failing to hold Murray accountable for violating attendance policies and failing to request his removal "based on willful neglect of duty" (OIC Advisory Summary and Investigative Findings on Missing PGCPS Board Member, November 4, 2024). Murray's mother, Jacqueline Murray, served as Adams-Stafford's campaign treasurer in 2025. At Adams-Stafford's swearing-in ceremony for county council on June 17, 2025, Murray gave remarks. Burroughs introduced the tributes saying, "There will be a special tribute from the guys. This is a group chat that was started years ago," before calling up Murray, current school board member Phelton Moss and Larry Stafford, CEO of Progressive Maryland and husband of Adams-Stafford. Stafford has been a strong supporter of Murray's political campaigns.

"We came to know you through our brother Larry," said Murray, appearing to speak on behalf of the group. "You have become part of our family and a sister," he told Adams-Stafford, a few months before she'd vote on his appointment.

In November 2024, after Murray abandoned his bid for re-election to the Board of Education, he transferred $6,000 out of the Friends for David Murray account and sent it to Friends of Shayla Adams-Stafford.

Connections to Burroughs

Burroughs and Murray have been friends since they were teenagers, attended the University of Maryland, Baltimore County together and both ran for seats on Prince George's County Board of Education at the same time, in 2012 (Burroughs was elected and Murray was not), eventually serving together for a period.

In a public social media post on August 11, 2021, Murray wrote to Burroughs, "They don't understand how far we go back lol. And we're just getting started. Love you bro." It was accompanied by six photos of the pair spending time together, seemingly as teenagers. One photo is dated March 20, 2010, and the others are undated. Their public social media posts to each other go back at least as far as 2007, when they were in high school. In 2007, Burroughs posted photos of a young Murray with the caption, "Blood Brother." That year the two participated in Maryland Leadership Workshops at Washington College and in 2009 they traveled together as part of the Maryland Association of Student Councils. Oriadha, current chair of Prince George's County Council, who voted to appoint Murray but abstained from the vote to

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allow Burroughs to negotiate his contract, said of the pair, "You two are friendship goals all day" in a Facebook post in 2021.

Financial ties are difficult to trace given the presence of PACs and in-kind payments but in 2021 Murray's political campaign account donated $6,000 to Friends of Edward Burroughs.

The Employment Offer

In an offer letter dated December 23, 2025, Murray was offered the position of Council Administrator with an annual salary of $240,000. That represents a 20 percent increase over the salary offered to Jennifer Jenkins three years earlier in December 2022. Compensation and fringe records show Murray's starting rate was higher than Jenkins was receiving months earlier after years of direct experience in the role. The position posting for the Council Administrator provided to the News Review calls for a master's degree in Public Administration, Urban Planning or related fields and extensive experience in highly responsible positions in governmental affairs or related activities. Murray's background consisted of his service on the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Board of Education, that ended in resignation, and under two years as Chief Academic Officer with the Ferguson-Florissant (Mo.) school district, where his title appeared to have changed to Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction by August 2025. At the start of the 2025-2026 school year Murray was not in the organizational chart alongside the Chief Finance and Operations Officer, Chief of Staff and Chief Human Resources Officer but instead one of five executive directors reporting to the superintendent. In Missouri, Murray's salary as chief academic officer was $163,583. Murray's LinkedIn profile states he earned a master's degree in literacy from the University of Central Arkansas in December 2023.

Records reviewed by the Greenbelt News Review show Murray began being paid for full-time hours in Prince George's County in December, prior to his offer letter, receiving payment for 80 hours of work on December 13, though he did not resign from his position in Missouri until January, according to a representative the News Review reached by phone. According to his offer letter and employment contract his appointment in Prince George's County didn't begin until January 5, 2026.

The Contract

Ramon Gonzalez, legislative attorney for Prince George's County Council, told the News Review that Murray's predecessor, Jenkins, did not have an employment contract, though she was in the position for two and a half years, so it is not possible to directly compare the contracts of the two. Murray's employment contract, obtained by the Greenbelt News Review via a Public Information Act (PIA) request, shows the position classified as Grade 41 and benefits include cost of living adjustments, merit increases, health insurance, retirement and pension. Under termination and severance, the contract notes the position is at-will and may be terminated with or without cause, without notice. If Murray is terminated without cause, he will be entitled to one year's salary according to the contract.

Gonzalez told the News Review there were no documents responsive to our request for a summary of fringe benefits for Murray, so we don't know how much holiday or sick leave he accrues annually, for example. However, our PIA request yielded a spreadsheet of compensation and benefits amounts to Murray and Jenkins. These records show Murray began being paid in the County Administrator role on December 13, 2025, when he received $9,230.77 for 80 hours of work, placing his start date on December 1, 2025, over a month before his contract start date and before his offer letter. On December 13 the county also paid $572.31 in Social Security tax for the position, $133.85 in Medicare tax, $900 for a pension, $783.69 for supplemental retirement and 29 cents for life insurance. Murray was paid for his first day (eight hours) of sick leave on January 10 at a rate of $923.08 for the day and his first day of holiday leave on January 13 at the same rate. By comparison, in 2025, at her highest rate of pay, Jenkins was receiving $874.20 for any eight hours of leave to Murray's $923.08. In 2025 Jenkins received a vehicle allowance of $532.15 every two weeks to Murray's $599 of allowance. Where Jenkins received $737.83 in pension per two-week pay period, Murray is receiving $900 and in supplemental retirement payments Jenkins received $761.42 to

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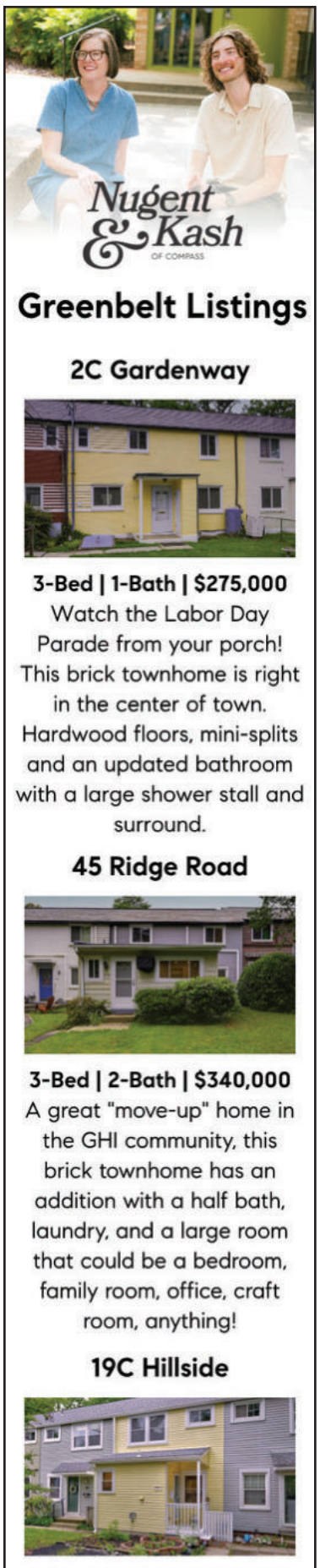
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2C Gardenway
3-Bed | 1-Bath | $275,000
Watch the Labor Day Parade from your porch! This brick townhome is right in the center of town. Hardwood floors, mini-splits and an updated bathroom with a large shower stall and surround.
45 Ridge Road
3-Bed | 2-Bath | $340,000
A great "move-up" home in the GHI community, this brick townhome has an addition with a half bath, laundry, and a large room that could be a bedroom, family room, office, craft room, anything!
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City Notes

Economic Development, Public Information, Constituent Services and the assistant city manager collaborated on the upcoming Greenbelt Small Business Expo. Code Enforcement inspected Parkway Apartments, a Hanover Parkway suite, one complaint and 28 rentals.

After one adoption, Animal Shelter residents are seven cats, nine kittens and five dogs.

Public Works built gates at Schrom Hills Park, installed shelving at the Community Center and delivered 100 chairs for Springhill Lake Elementary School's graduation.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted Summer Kick-Off and an Artful Afternoon. The Community Center introduced display cabinets so Arts can sell participants' creations.

Therapeutic Recreation supported Parents' Night Out, Senior Book Club and a Senior Advisory Council presentation.

Busy Rangers supported numerous situations and events, from kayaking and food distribution to removing a contraband deep fryer and a stranded turtle.

The Museum opened a new exhibit, Spirit of 76 – Greenbelt at the Bicentennial. CARES attended Greenbelt Middle School's welcome event and Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Teen Forum.

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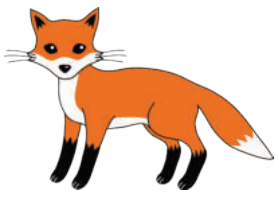
is available on the website at greenbeltreparations.info/resources.

3. Engaged the University of Maryland to examine disparities related to race and ethnicity, income, home ownership, education attainment and disability, and to map historical demographic changes in Greenbelt. Both reports (completed by students) are available on the website at greenbeltreparations.info/resources.

4. Learned about the reparations movement and foundational principles of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) work. Nkechi Taifa, a human rights attorney and an expert on reparations, provided a course on the history of the North American reparations movement. Tribesy Consulting provided empathy and care training on how to interview and listen to members of the harmed communities without causing additional harm.

5. Hired consultants to support the GRC's research. The African American Redress Network examined historical harms to the African American community. Lawyering Clinic students from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Howard University researched how Tax Reform in Maryland (TRIM) negatively impacts schools and libraries in areas that are predominantly African American. The Piscataway Indian Nation identified harms committed against Native Americans, shared their history and suggested potential remedies.

6. Conducted over 30 interviews with African Americans, Greenbelt residents and Indigenous leaders, collected 153 community surveys and held two community town hall meetings. The GRC requested a collaboration with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI; the housing initiative is the foundational basis upon which the city was built). However, the GHI Board declined to engage with the Commission.



7. Learned about other local and statewide reparations efforts across the country by reaching out to other reparations organizations and by attending the 400 Years of African American History Commission conference on Reparations in 2023; the First Repair Symposium in Evanston, Ill., in 2023 and 2024; the National Reparations Leadership Assembly in 2025; and presenting at American University's School of Public Affairs symposium on the importance of reparations at the community level. GRC also testified in favor of a statewide reparations commission at the Maryland General Assembly.

8. Summarized the research gathered to date is and currently in the process of identifying potential repair remedies, planning focus groups to vet the draft recommendations, writing the first draft of the report and hiring an editor to review and write the final report.

The GRC welcomes comments and feedback via email to myoung@greenbeltmd.gov.

Gail Crichlow and Lois Rosado are members of the Greenbelt Reparations Commission.

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Murray's $783.69.

The News Review's PIA

Government agencies have discretion to waive PIA fees if the information is in the public interest. Requests from media are frequently treated as such. The News Review has in the past received waivers of fees for its PIAs to the Prince George's County Fire Department and PGCPS. In addition, the State of Maryland requires that the first two hours of costs associated with a PIA are waived for every request.

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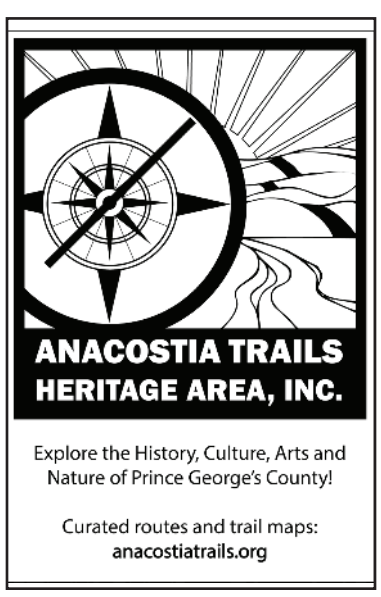
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Incident Summary

Greenbelt Police reported two domestic incidents and five mental health diversions, three involving attempted suicide.

Assault

On June 11 at 1:56 p.m. near 6160 Greenbelt Road, a man displayed a knife and threatened someone; he was arrested and taken to the station for processing.

On June 12 at 8:05 a.m. near 7819 Mandan Road, a woman was assaulted by her boyfriend's ex-girlfriend as she left home to take her children to school.

Break-in

On June 8 at 8:34 p.m. near 6225 Springhill Court, a woman received minor injuries when a man struck her as he ran from her home; he gained entry through an unlocked sliding patio door and stole items and cash before fleeing.

DUI Arrest

On June 14 at 2:08 a.m. near 5833 Cherrywood Terrace, officers noticed a 2021 Acura in the middle of the road with the brake on and the driver slumped over the wheel; she was determined to be under the influence and was arrested for DUI.

Fraud

On June 8 at 6:31 p.m. near 5 Plateau Place, someone took a check from the mailbox and altered it; the bank is investigating.

Shoplifting and Theft

On June 10 at 2:20 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a woman known from previous theft encounters was detained. Loss prevention staff provided documentation and surveillance records of merchandise stolen on eight dates in 2026, totaling around $1,271. The merchandise stolen on June 10 was recovered. The woman was arrested and charged, was issued a notice of trespass and banned from the property.

On June 10, near 6100 Greenbelt Road, additional thefts by known suspects were also reported of merchandise worth approximately $1,100.

On June 11 at 3:13 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, two women were caught stealing and claimed to be juveniles but their identities were confirmed as young adults; they were charged and banned from the property.

On June 11 at 6:21 p.m. near 6003 Springhill Drive, thefts of two packages were caught on camera.

On June 12 at 5:07 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole clothing items.

On June 13 at 10:05 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a man stole merchandise; at 3:20 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, someone grabbed a suitcase, filled it with Tide Pod detergent and fled the store on foot.

On June 14 at 12:35 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man left the store with stolen detergent concealed inside a stolen suitcase; at 7:43 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, loss prevention staff reported that a repeat shoplifter was currently inside stuffing a suitcase with items. While the suspect was leaving, the merchandise was recovered, and officers found and arrested the shoplifter.

Vandalism

On June 8 near 145 Crescent Road, graffiti was found at the rear of St. Hugh's school.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen Vehicles

The following vehicles were stolen: on June 8, near 440 Ridge Road, a white 2018 Infiniti Q50 (Md. 3FC7637) and near 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway, another white 2018 Infiniti Q50 (Md. 7FB3631); on June 11 near 7507 Mandan Road, a Honda CRV and on June 13 near 7705 Ora Court, a motorcycle was stolen from the side of the road.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

On June 9 near 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway, Maryland State Police recovered a vehicle with both tags attached and no visible damage.

Theft from Auto

On June 8 wheels were stolen from a 2026 Kia K5 near 6015 Springhill Drive, and from a 2026 Honda Accord near 6400 Ivy Lane.

Tags were stolen from eight vehicles: on June 10 near 6220 Breezewood Drive, a rear tag (Va. TRS4394), plus tags from two more vehicles nearby; on June 11 near 7814 Hanover Parkway, front Virginia tags from a 2013 Ford Fusion and a 2017 Hyundai; on June 11 near 7818 Hanover Parkway, front Virginia tags from a Honda Accord; on June 13 near 8010 Greenbelt Station Parkway, a front tag from a 2023 Dodge Charger and on June 13 near 9114 Edmonston Court, a front tag from a Ford F150.

Vandalism to Auto

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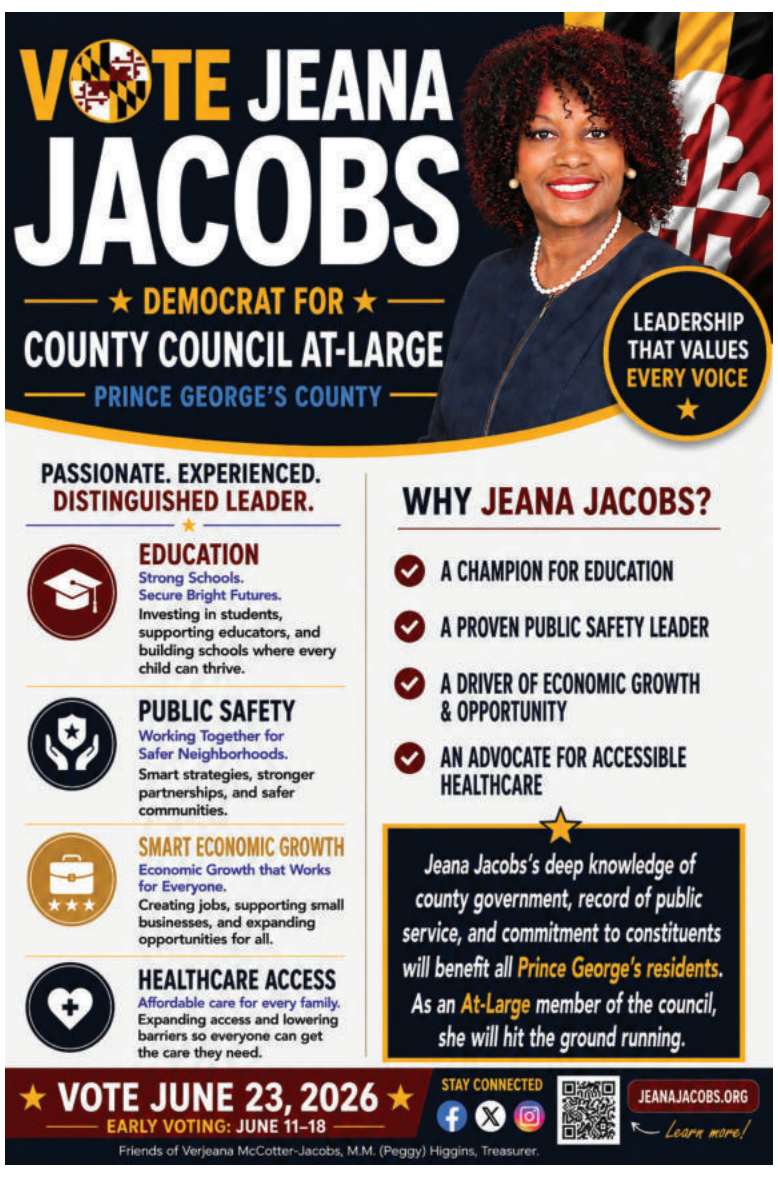
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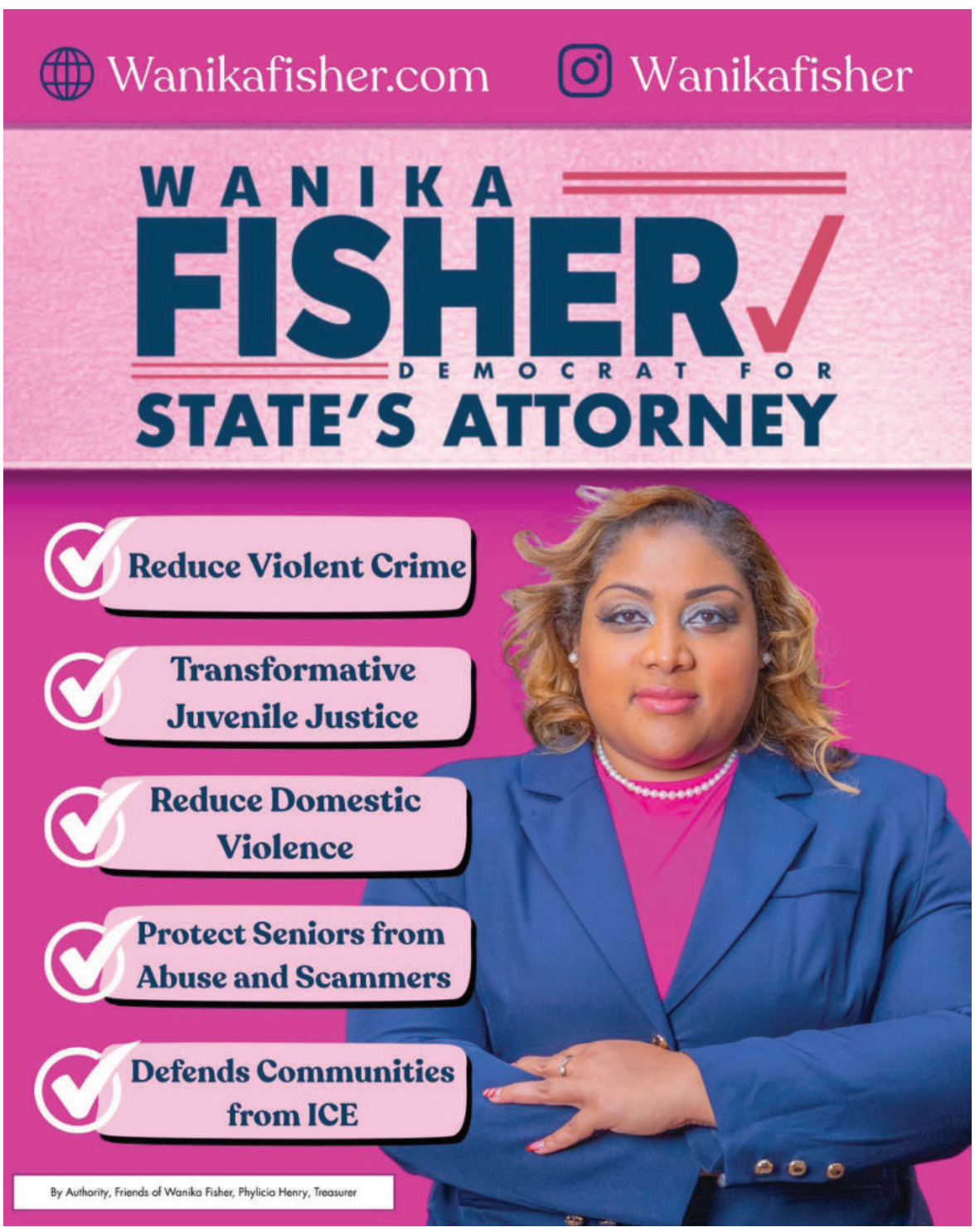

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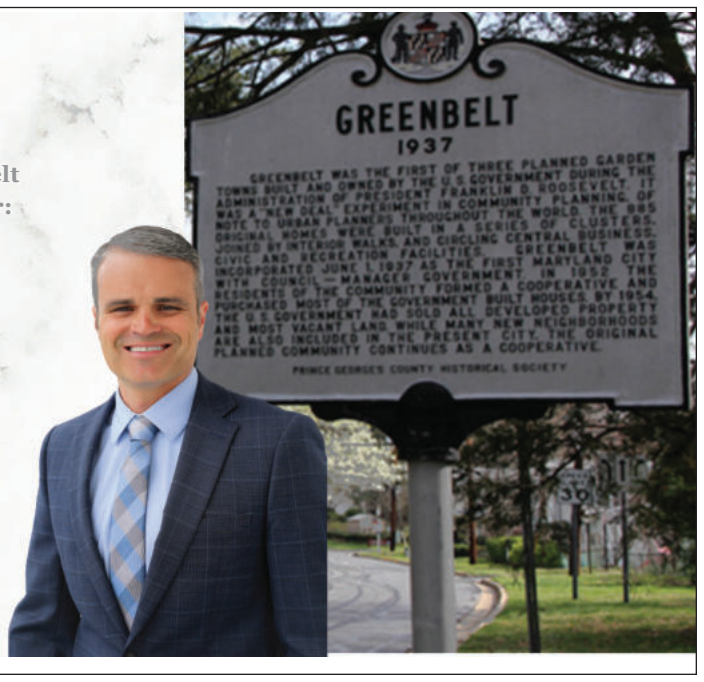

Area Girl Scouts Celebrate Multicultural Friendship at Shared World Thinking Day

by Emerson Gary

On April 12, Girl Scout troops from Greenbelt and surrounding communities held World Thinking Day at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Twenty-four troops and 255 Girl Scouts along with accompanying troop leaders and adult volunteers from across the area participated, including troops from Greenbelt, College Park, Beltsville, Hyattsville, Laurel and more.

World Thinking Day is an event shared by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world that celebrates multicultural friendship. It began in 1926 with WAGGGS (the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) and has been celebrated every year since. Girl Scout troops celebrate by participating in activities that highlight countries and cultures from around the globe. For the past two years, Greenbelt Girl Scout Troop 23007 has organized and hosted the event for troops in our and our neighboring service units.

For this year's World Thinking Day, each troop chose a country to represent. Members of the troop researched the country, created a display with details, facts and food representing that country to share with all the other troops. At the event, each troop set up a table for its country. "Passports" created by Troop 23010 were given out for Scouts to get stamped as they toured each of the country's tables.

World Thinking Day began with a traditional Girl Scout flag ceremony led by Troop 96. This was followed by a Parade of Flags led by Troop 22065; each troop walked holding a flag for their country to recognize the diversity of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. The event was also an opportunity to recognize scouts who had earned higher awards in the past year, including the Bronze Award, Silver Trefoil Award or Silver Award. Troops 2427, 22014, 23035 and 23017 ran events consistent with this year's theme of Our Friendship that encouraged different ages and troops of scouts to get to know one another. The event ended with a trading of SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere), with troops coming together and trading these hand-made tokens representing their country.

The event was also an opportunity to fundraise for the World Thinking Day Fund, with $202 collected. The fund, administered by WAGGGS, helps make Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding available to more girls in developing nations and helps fund leadership development programs.

World Thinking Day reminded Girl Scouts that they are part of a worldwide movement of millions of girls and young women. It encouraged scouts to build connections across cultures and work together to make the world a better place. Through friendship, service and learning, Girl Scout World Thinking Day celebrated the values that unite scouts around the globe.

Emerson Gary is an Ambassador Girl Scout in Troop 23007 and a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Girl Scouts from Greenbelt and the surrounding area gather for World Thinking Day at the Youth Center on April 12.

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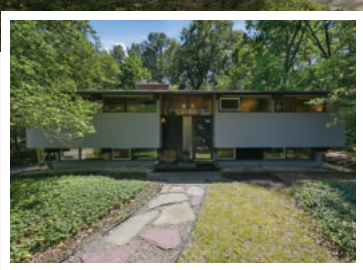

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Greenbelt Celebrates Pride With Summer-long Events

by Cam Crossett

Shaymar Higgs speaks at the Flag-raising Ceremony on June 5.

June is Pride Month and it officially kicked off on June 5 with a flag-raising ceremony outside the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Meanwhile, The SPACE Free Art for All is coordinating what its Executive Director Shaymar Higgs calls a summer-long celebration of creativity, visibility, joy and collective care.

Later this month, a Makeup Workshop will be presented by The Space on Saturday, June 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Participants are invited to celebrate self-expression, creativity and community through a hands-on makeup activity.

On Sunday, June 28, The SPACE will present a Vogue Workshop at the Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m. The workshop will give participants the opportunity to explore movement, confidence, expression and ballroom culture in a welcoming environment open to all experience levels.

Also on June 28, the New Deal Café will host Drag Bingo (time to be determined), for an evening of laughter, games, performances and community celebration with drag performers and special guests.

The annual Pride Parade and Festival are the central event of the season for many and will take place on Saturday, July 11, at Roosevelt Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The full-day celebration will feature live performances, community organizations, interactive activities, parade festivities, artists and food vendors, as well as music and entertainment for attendees of all ages.

Then in August the Pride celebrations continue with a community bonfire at Greenbelt Park on Saturday, August 1 and a community screening of The Wizard of Oz at Greenbelt Cinema on Sunday, August 2 at 1 p.m. with cosplay encouraged.

Cam Crossett is a University of Maryland graduate student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning with the Greenbelt News Review.

On Friday, June 5, the city hosted its 4th Annual Pride Flag-raising Ceremony.

- Photos by Nick Hall NH

Election 2026

Board of Elections Announces Delay in Sample Ballot Mailing

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Greenbelt residents who still haven't received a sample ballot one week ahead of the state primary election are not alone. An informal survey of residents by the News Review on Tuesday, June 16 revealed none we spoke with had received sample ballots, officially called specimen ballots.

On Monday, June 15, the Prince George's County Board of Elections announced there'd been a delay in mailing them. The announcement noted there had been "minor logistical adjustments at the printing level" but that the U.S. Postal Service began processing and shipping the ballots "in continuous waves" beginning Wednesday, June 10.

Elections officials have confirmed that voters across the county began receiving their specimen ballots on Friday, June 12, but "because residential mail delivery schedules vary by postal route, residents who have not yet received their packet can expect it to arrive over the next few days," said the announcement. "The Board of Elections emphasizes that this staggered delivery schedule does not impact voting security, voter deadlines or your ability to cast a ballot."

The Board of Elections said those who requested mail-in ballots or print-at-home ballots will not receive a specimen ballot.

Meanwhile, residents have received "sample ballots" or slates from specific candidates, which are usually identifiable because they have selections already filled out. In small print they must also say somewhere who paid for them and by whose authority. Sample ballots from campaigns don't always list all the candidates for each position nor all the positions. They should be treated as campaign materials rather than voter information material.

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explain the system to residents.

Mailed Ballots

Councilmember Kristen Weaver brought up the idea of mailing a ballot to all residents, instead of the current system where ballot applications are mailed. She felt it would be a simpler process.

Terry was apprehensive of this and indicated that perhaps up to a third of all mailings are sent back, mostly for the addresses being defunct, citing the county's difficulties in purging lists of non-current voters.

Councilmember Silke Pope felt that the application process creates better voter integrity, while acknowledging Weaver's point.

Beauchamp assured them that the mail-in ballot system is well vetted and resistant to any voter fraud or invasion of privacy.

Terry stressed the board's continuing procedure to not have a list of the city's non-citizen voters included with the voting list that is sent back to the county by the city clerk after each city election.

Vendor Issues

The BOE had issues this past election with its vendor, Fort Orange Press (FOP), who has been tasked with printing ballots, ballot applications and mail-in ballots. Due to a delay in printing, mail-in ballots were sent a month later than expected. As well, incorrect versions of mail-in ballots and election day ballots were provided, requiring city staff to work with the city's election equipment vendor Clear Ballot to eventually rectify the problem by printing ballots in-house between October 29 and November 4, 2025.

The board and the city are in the process of either choosing a new printing and mailing vendor or exploring a safe, alternative way to do it by print-on-demand. Prior to the last election, the city's past experience with FOP had been positive.

The BOE is committed to providing draft legislation to council very soon that will be used to amend the City Charter and Code for the possible adoption of ranked choice voting. This system allows voters to vote for more than one candidate in their order of preference. Council candidates must reach a 12.5 percent threshold in the final vote to earn a place. Further council meetings on this as well as public input and education by the BOE are planned.

See the News Review's 2026 election coverage to date, including questions to candidates and our other stories, in one place at www.greenbeltnewsreview.com/elections2026/.

Election 2026

Do You Know Your Polling Place?

The state primary election is Tuesday, June 23. These are the polling place locations for Greenbelt:

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road

Greenbelt Middle School Gym, 6301 Breezewood Drive

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway

Although in city elections you may vote at any precinct in Greenbelt, to vote in the state primary election you must use the specific location based on the address on your registration record.

To check your specific polling place, visit voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch, click on Find Your Polling Place and enter your address.

Ballot Access

The Board of Elections says that in-person and mail-in voters can view, download or print their personalized sample ballot using the voter lookup tool online at elections.mypgc.us or elections.maryland.gov. The News Review visited voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch and was able to review a sample ballot but it did not include school board candidates. Voters can also confirm their polling center and registration details on the site.

Help is also available by phone, said the Board of Elections. Residents with questions regarding their registration, mail status or assigned voting center can speak directly to a local representative by calling 301-341-7300, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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On June 7, at the New Deal Café, MauvIN GraYE (Mike Bennett) & The GraYE Line Band thrilled a packed house with a special night, celebrating the late Prince's birthday and all his greatness. It was a memorable night of funk-n-roll, hip-hop-soul and purple majesty that had people jumpin' and jivin' all around the back room of the Café. Immediately after the Café performance Bennett brought MauvIN GraYE & The GraYE Line Band to the Greenbelt Arts Center for the After Chaux in the spirit of Prince's legendary After Shows for jamming.